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Board Meeting June 9, 2011

APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR HARRY J. BERMAN

To: Harry J. Berman

You will be remembered with gratitude for your thirty-four years of notable contributions to the Springfield campus and for serving in the role of interim vice president, University of Illinois, and interim chancellor, University of Illinois at Springfield since November 2010. In that final role, your achievements include enhancing UIS as an outstanding public liberal arts institution, attested to by your participation in the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges and by strengthening the campus' focus on international opportunities and community engagement.

You have had an outstanding academic career with many accomplishments at the Springfield campus as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, associate vice chancellor for academic planning, associate vice chancellor for graduate education and research, convener of the Child, Family and Community Services program, and professor. You served in a vital role in the Springfield campus' preparation for two major transitions: from Sangamon State University to the University of Illinois at Springfield, and from an upper-division university to a full-fledged four-year university with national aspirations.

Your leadership role and work products on the UIS Development Planning Committee, established by the Board of Trustees in 1995, were brilliant and helped to create an atmosphere on the Springfield campus that allowed for a smooth transition into the University of Illinois.

You assisted in raising the standards for scholarship on the Springfield campus. Your two books, journal articles, book chapters, and fifty-nine professional presentations have made you an example of good scholarship for all faculty members who will follow in your footsteps at UIS. You also helped to obtain international accreditation for the College of Business and Management and had a pivotal role in UIS receiving its reaccreditation for ten years from the Higher Learning Commission.

Further, your efforts to make the Springfield campus a resource for the immediate community have been significant. Your role as chair of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce's Continuum of Education Steering Committee has earned you justly deserved praise from local business and education leaders.

It is noteworthy, as the Springfield campus continues to attract excellent faculty members from throughout the world, that you received your bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago and your doctorate in psychology from Washington University, St. Louis. The Board wishes to express its appreciation to you and Mrs. Berman for your service as exemplary ambassadors of the University in the capital city of the State of Illinois, and beyond.

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At this time the Board of Trustees, President Michael Hogan, faculty members, students, and staff members extend warm wishes to you and Mrs. Berman and your family.